

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 (Currently Amended). A method comprising:

~~enabling communications between a first terminal and selected second terminals;~~
enabling the storage of a modifiable list of selected second terminals that ~~[[the]]~~ a first terminal is able to communicate with, said list maintained and modified by a first user; and
~~enabling the ability to modify said list to be restricted.~~
based on said list, enabling communications between said first and second terminals when a second user is using said first terminal.

2 (Original). The method of claim 1 including communicating between a first terminal and a base station and forwarding communications from said first terminal to said base station on to said second terminals.

3 (Original). The method of claim 1 including enabling communications between a first terminal that is a handheld unit and said base station using a wireless communication protocol.

4 (Original). The method of claim 3 including communicating between said base station and said second terminals at least in part over the Internet.

5 (Original). The method of claim 4 including exchanging text messages between said first terminal and selected second terminals.

6 (Original). The method of claim 1 including communicating between said first terminal and said selected second terminals through a chat server.

7 (Original). The method of claim 6 including storing said modifiable list of second terminals in said base station.

8 (Original). The method of claim 7 including blocking communications, from said handheld unit, received by said base station and preventing those communications from proceeding to a second terminal not listed in said modifiable list.

9 (Currently Amended). The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 31 wherein restricting said second user enabling the ability to modify said list to be restricted includes enabling a requirement for a password to obtain access to said list.

10 (Original). The method of claim 1 including requiring a password to initiate an outgoing transmission from said first terminal.

11 (Currently Amended). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

~~enable communications between a first terminal and selected second terminals;~~
enable the storage of a modifiable list of selected second terminals that ~~[[the]]~~ a first terminal is able to communicate with, modification of said list restricted to a first user; and
based on said list, enable communications between said first terminal and a selected second terminal when a second user is using said first terminal
~~enable restrictions on the ability to modify said list.~~

12 (Original). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to communicate with a first terminal and forward communications from said first terminal to said second terminal.

13 (Currently Amended). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable communications ~~between~~ with a first terminal that is a handheld unit using a wireless communication protocol.

14 (Original). The article of claim 13 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to communicate with said second terminals at least in part over the Internet.

15 (Original). The article of claim 14 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to exchange text messages between a first terminal and selected second terminals.

16 (Original). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to communicate between said first terminal and said selected second terminals through a chat server.

17 (Canceled).

18 (Currently Amended). The article of claim ~~[[17]]~~ 16 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to block communications from ~~[[said]]~~ a handheld unit and prevent those communications from proceeding to a second terminal not listed in said modifiable list.

19 (Currently Amended). The article of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 32 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to enable a requirement for a password to obtain access to said list.

20 (Original). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to require a password to initiate an outgoing transmission from said first terminal.

21 (Currently Amended). A system comprising:
a processor-based device; and
a storage coupled to said processor-based device storing instructions that ~~enable communications between a first terminal and selected second terminals,~~ enable the storage of a modifiable list of second terminals that ~~[[the]]~~ a first terminal is able to communicate with, said modifiable list accessible to a first user and not a second user, and based on said list, enable communications between said first terminal and a listed second terminal when the second user is using said first terminal. ~~restrictions on the ability to modify said list.~~

22 (Original). The system of claim 21 including a wireless interface.

23 (Original). The system of claim 21 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable said device to communicate with a first terminal and forward communications from said first terminal to said second terminal.

24 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 21 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable communications ~~between~~ with a first terminal that is a handheld unit using a wireless communication protocol.

25 (Currently Amended). The ~~article~~ system of claim 24 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor-based device to communicate with said second terminals at least in part over the Internet.

26. (Original). The system of claim 25 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor-based system to exchange text messages between a first terminal and selected second terminals.

27. (Original). The system of claim 21 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the device to communicate between said first terminal and selected second terminals through a chat server.

28 (Original). The system of claim 27 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the device to store said modifiable list of second terminals.

29 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 28 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the device to block communications from ~~[[said]]~~ a handheld unit and prevent those communications from proceeding to a second terminal not listed in said modifiable list.

30 (Original). The system of claim 21 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the device to require a password to obtain access to said list.

31 (New). The method of claim 1 including restricting said second user from the ability to modify said list.

32 (New). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to enable restrictions on the ability of the second user to modify said list.